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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Commonwealth Electric Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric, D.T.E. 05-19

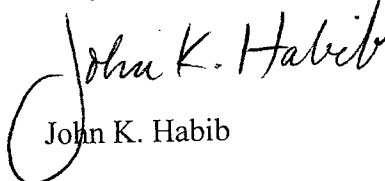
Dear Secretary Cottrell:

I am writing on behalf of Commonwealth Electric Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric (the "Company") to respectfully request an extension of 2 business days, i.e., until June 13, 2005, to respond to the following information requests asked by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") in the above-referenced docket: DTE-3-1 and DTE-3-2.

The Company requests the extension in order to allow it sufficient time for key personnel to review and respond to the Department's questions in the wake of the end of the Company's recent work stoppage. The Company is endeavoring to respond in full to each of the questions and requests additional time to do so.

Thank you for your consideration of the Company's request.

Very truly yours,

  
John K. Habib

cc: Jody Stiefel, Hearing Officer  
Joseph Rogers, Assistant Attorney General  
Susan McSherry  
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